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Dear Parents / Guardians

Opening of new build at Cowes Enterprise College

I am writing to offer my sincere apologies for the continued delay to the opening of the new college building. While the prospect of the new building is exciting and heralds the opportunity to provide an outstanding learning environment, the continuing delay is unacceptable to all involved.

We will be scrutinising this project in detail to understand the reasons why this has happened. There is no doubt that this is a major building project, of some three years in the making and that setbacks associated with our particular poor summer played their part in challenging the progress of construction work but, having delivered other school projects successfully either on, or ahead of, time, we need to fully understand why this project has suffered such significant setbacks.

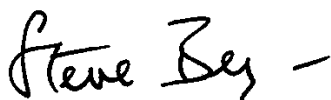
I recognise that this situation has caused much frustration and practical challenges for parents, pupils, staff and governors of the college and I want to reassure you that we are seeking to resolve these issues as quickly as possible. However, having personally visited the site and discussed at length the requirements necessary to complete the work, I have agreed, with the College Trust and governors, that the move will now not take place until the spring of 2013. This will give enough time for the contractors to complete all aspects of the build and time for the staff to familiarise themselves with the building and ensure the resources are all in the right place before the pupils move into the new school.

Whilst this delay is deeply regrettable, it provides a more realistic timetable for the work and the transfer to the new site to be completed and puts an end to the on-going uncertainty for all concerned.

The school will write to you all in the near future to confirm the precise date that the pupils will move into the new building and I hope, at that time, you can join me in celebrating what will undoubtedly be a magnificent new building and learning environment.

In the meantime, I am very grateful for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Steve Beynon
Chief Executive